

camps and was one of the thousands of Jews saved from the Holocaust by the humanity of the Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg. Yet most of his family members did not survive the Holocaust.

At the end of the Second World War, Representative LANTOS came to the United States with his childhood sweetheart, and soon-to-be wife, Annette Tillemann. Over the past 58 years, LANTOS and Tillemann were rarely far apart and worked tirelessly together to champion human rights around the globe. Today, my thoughts and prayers are with her and the Lantos children.

When LANTOS came to Congress in 1980, the first major piece of legislation he introduced was to award honorary American citizenship to Raoul Wallenberg, whom he called "the central figure in my life." Wallenberg was a central figure in the lives of many European Jews.

A few years later TOM founded the Human Rights Caucus. As co-chairman of the caucus, LANTOS was the leading critic of abusive and despotic regimes abroad. He was unafraid to confront the Chinese Government for its human rights record and he was undeterred in his efforts to end the ongoing genocide in Darfur. Most recently he helped move through Congress tough sanctions on the Burmese junta to help restore that country's democracy.

As chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs for the past year, Congressman LANTOS continued to be a moral leader on human rights and an advocate for those who had none.

TOM LANTOS was a friend to me and to all people who believed in the basic rights of all people. I am honored to have served with him and I will do my best to work for continued fulfillment of his ideals.

IN MEMORY OF CHERIE LOVE

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2008

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, I rise in memory of my longtime friend, Cherie Willard Love. She passed away a couple of weeks ago but she will always be remembered by those she touched.

And she touched many.

Cherie was a Ventura County, California, native, having been born in Oxnard 76 years ago. After earning a bachelor's degree from Whittier College and a master's from La Verne College, Cherie embarked on a career as a kindergarten teacher. For the first twelve years, she taught in Oceano and San Luis Obispo, but then returned to her roots and taught in the Ventura Unified School District for the next 26 years.

Teaching was not a job to Cherie; it was her passion.

That passion for her students and profession earned her recognition in October 1986 as the top teacher of the month by the Greater Ventura Chamber of Commerce's Youth and Education Committee. Outside the classroom, Cherie was an active member of the Philanthropic Education Organization, Alpha Delta Kappa, Delta Kappa Gamma, and the California Retired Teacher's Association.

Cherie also served as president of the Ventura Retired Teachers Association Scholarship

Foundation, which provides scholarships to local college students studying for a career in education. As a final act toward her beloved profession, Cherie directed friends and relatives to donate to the fund in her memory.

Cherie outlived two husbands. Don Crinklaw and Don Love, and a son, Bruce Crinklaw, but is survived by a host of other family, including her twin sister, Charlene Blalock-Carlson, and three other sisters, Carrie Perkins, Cyndie Huntsberger, and Sandy Elkhart; daughters, Sharlee Villa and Carla Dennis; cousin, George Cady; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in remembering Cherie Love's lifelong passion for education and her love of family and community and in offering our condolences to her family and friends.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF COLEMAN'S AUTHENTIC IRISH PUB

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2008

Mr. WALSH of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 75th anniversary of Coleman's Authentic Irish Pub in Syracuse, New York.

Founded in 1933, Coleman's, located on Tipperary Hill, is a fixture of the Central New York community. Throughout its long history, Coleman's has transformed from a working man's saloon in the 1930's to a college hot spot in the 1970's to the first class restaurant and pub it is today. With its great food, wonderful service, and Irish atmosphere, Coleman's Authentic Irish Pub is a place for all generations to enjoy and is a premiere attraction in central New York.

Coleman's has always strived to maintain the highest standards of public service, and I am proud to recognize them today. I congratulate owner Peter J. Coleman, his wife Mary Pat and children, and his employees, both past and present, on reaching this milestone. On behalf of the people of the 25th District of New York, I thank them for their 75 years of business that has been such a positive influence on the community.

TRIBUTE TO LARRY CHATZIDAKIS

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2008

Mr. SAXTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Larry Chatzidakis. On February 21, 2008, Mr. Chatzidakis will be celebrated for his contributions to Burlington County at the Burlington County Republican Committee and Burlington County Republican Women's Annual Lincoln Day Dinner.

Since 1985, Larry Chatzidakis has represented the best interests of Burlington County residents. He was first elected to the Mount Laurel Township Council and remained until 2000. Proving a valuable asset to the community, Larry was re-elected mayor four times and spearheaded numerous projects during

his tenure. Residents may remember him most for his role in the construction of Laurel Acres Park. It has become a natural choice for Mount Laurel residents looking for recreation, with its many exercise trails, playground equipment, and sledding hill. Most recently, a veteran's memorial was added to the site to honor those who have served in our Armed Forces. In addition to his mayoral duties, Larry was elected to the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders in 1995.

From 1997–2008, Larry represented the 8th District as a member of the New Jersey State Assembly. He continued to offer his talents in the Assembly as a member of the Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee, the Judiciary Committee, and as vice-chair of the Solid and Hazardous Waste Committee. As a conscientious elected public official, Larry took the concerns of his constituents to heart as he became a member of the Commission to Deter Criminal Activity and a member of the Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee.

No stranger to the community at large, Larry served on the board of the Burlington County Red Cross and was also chairman of the Burlington County Boy Scouts Mahalala District. He is also a member of the Mount Laurel Rotary Club for 17 years and served one term as president.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, it gives me great honor to recognize Larry Chatzidakis for his tremendous efforts and devotion to his community. I and the people of New Jersey are greatly appreciative of him and sincerely thank him for all of his dedication.

IN HONOR OF THE VIETNAMESE NEW YEAR: TET, 2008—YEAR OF THE RAT

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, 2008, is the Year of the Rat. As the Vietnamese community in Greater Cleveland gathers at St. Helena Catholic Church to enjoy their Vietnamese culture, I join them in celebration of this rich heritage.

The Tet is the time of the year for our Vietnamese neighbors to honor those that have gone before us and enjoy the company of family and friends. This year's celebration will honor community leaders, and serve as a demonstration of Vietnamese music and dance.

2008 also marks thirty-three years of service to the community by the Vietnamese Community in Greater Cleveland, Inc. The Vietnamese Community, Inc. has been an invaluable resource for hundreds of Clevelanders, linking them to needed services and serving to maintain the rich heritage of the Vietnamese people.

I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize Le Nguyen, President of the Vietnamese Community in Greater Cleveland, Inc., and all their members, for their commitment to Vietnamese-Americans of Northeast Ohio.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in celebration of the Vietnamese New Year, Tet 2008: Year of the Rat. May the Vietnamese community of Cleveland, and throughout the nation, carry on their proud heritage throughout the year.